

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS.

Their State Convention at Jefferson City.

Ben Stephens Nominated for Governor—A Nasty Crowd of Delegates—Some Wild Scenes—The Platform as Adopted.

The Nominations.

For Governor—L. W. Stephens, of Cooper county.

For Lieutenant-Governor—A. E. Bolte, of Franklin county.

For Secretary of State—A. A. Lesueur, of Lafayette county.

For Auditor—James M. Seibert, of Cape Girardeau county.

For Treasurer—Frank L. Pitts, of Monroe county.

For Attorney-General—E. C. Crow, of Jasper county.

Judge of Supreme Court—Theodore Brice, of Monroe county.

For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—Timothy J. Hennessy, of St. Louis.

Electors-at-Large.

John A. Lee, of St. Louis.

D. C. Allen, of Clay county.

ALTERNATES.

Charles Lemp, of St. Louis.

W. H. Hoshov, of Polk county.

District Electors.

First—C. G. Fogel, of Schuyler.

Second—C. F. Rothwell, of Moberly.

Third—W. D. Hamilton, of Davis.

Fourth—W. T. Jenkins, of Platte.

Fifth—W. G. Cox, of St. Louis.

Sixth—C. G. Dickinson, of Clinton.

Seventh—Charles Williams, of Polk.

Eighth—John H. Hoshov, of Polk.

Ninth—Thomas Cunningham, of St. Charles.

Tenth—William F. Fry, of St. Louis.

Eleventh—W. G. Cox, of St. Louis.

Twelfth—Daniel L. Hutton, of St. Louis.

Thirteenth—Robert Lamar, of Texas.

Fourteenth—William M. Evans, of Howell.

Fifteenth—John B. Cox, of Barton.

State Central Committee.

First District—W. W. Marshall, of Putnam.

Second—C. C. Lewis, of Putnam.

Third—Joseph F. Cross, of Clinton, and J. M. Shallen, of Harrison.

Fourth—James L. Christian, of Atchison.

Fifth—W. C. Stearns, of Kansas City, and J. S. Goshart, of Lafayette.

Sixth—Allen Glenn, of Cass, and W. O. Jackson, of Bates.

Seventh—Thomas B. Love, of Greene, and R. C. Howard, of Clark.

Eighth—J. W. Farris, of Laclede, and John M. Tate.

Ninth—Sam B. Cook, and J. O. Allison.

Tenth—F. G. Zebbig, of St. Louis county, and Henry Quinlan, of St. Louis.

Eleventh—Thomas E. Barrett, and Thomas J. Ward.

Twelfth—Dr. O. E. Foster, and Ben F. Brady.

Thirteenth—Ell D. Ake, of Iron, and George T. Lee, of Carter.

Fourteenth—C. B. Elkins, of Christian, and Paul B. Moore.

Fifteenth—Gilbert Barbee, of Jasper, and G. S. Hays, of Vernon.

The Missouri democratic state convention met at Jefferson City at noon of the 6th. Judge James Gibson, of Kansas City, was temporary chairman, and C. E. Peers, of Warren county, permanent chairman. Lon W. Stephens was nominated by acclamation for governor. The districts reported electors and members of the state central committee. Sam B. Cook was elected chairman of the committee. At the night session the platform was adopted. Nominations for lieutenant-governor were then in order.

It required five ballots to name the candidate for lieutenant-governor. John A. Lee, of St. Louis; J. F. Davidson, of Marion; Theo. K. Gash, of Clay; John R. O'Meara, of St. Louis; Geo. T. Dunn, of Lincoln; and A. H. Bolte, of Franklin, were placed in nomination.

First Ballot—Lee, 101; Davidson, 69; Gash, 72; O'Meara, 95; Dunn, 76; Bolte, 68; E. McCarty, 52.

Second Ballot—Lee, 148; Davidson, 38; Gash, 68; O'Meara, 103; Dunn, 88; Bolte, 88.

Great disorder prevailed here, and a motion to adjourn was defeated.

Third Ballot—Lee, 173; Gash, 49; O'Meara, 131; Dunn, 97; Bolte, 104.

Another ballot was ordered, and Gash was dropped.

Fourth Ballot—Lee, 174; O'Meara, 61; Dunn, 81; Bolte, 215.

Another ballot was then ordered. O'Meara's name was withdrawn.

Before the fifth ballot was commenced the name of Mr. Dunn was withdrawn. The ballot resulted in the nomination of Mr. Bolte. Before the vote was announced Mr. Lyon withdrew the name of Mr. Lee, and Mr. Bolte's nomination was made unanimous.

A. A. Lesueur was nominated by acclamation for secretary of state.

The convention then adjourned until nine a. m. of the 6th.

Second Day.

The second day of the convention was one of excitement. But after an hour of turmoil and strife, the convention quieted down, and proceeded to finish the ticket, then adjourned, and the tired delegates made for their homes.

James M. Seibert, of Cape Girardeau, was placed in nomination by Hon. Marsh Arnold, of Scott, and seconded by W. A. Rothwell, of Randolph.

Champ Clark nominated A. H. Kallmeyer, of Montgomery, and T. A. Lave-lock presented the name of Col. Joseph C. Brown, of Ray.

The roll-call progressed slowly, owing to the dense crowd and noisy demonstrations of the friends of the various candidates. Before it was concluded Carr, of Montgomery, withdrew.

Mr. Kallmeyer. The ballot resulted in the nomination of Mr. Seibert. The vote was: Seibert, 335; Kallmeyer, 62; Brown, 138.

On motion of E. T. Orear, of Saline, Col. Frank L. Pitts, of Monroe county, was nominated for state treasurer by acclamation.

For attorney-general, Hon. R. P. C. Wilson, of Platte, nominated Morton Jourdan, of Carroll, and Nat C. Dryden, named Sterling P. Bond, of St. Louis. The name of Ed C. Crow, of Jasper, was presented by Col. M. E. Benton, of Neosho.

Before the first ballot was completed Mr. Bond announced from the platform his own withdrawal. The result of the ballot was not announced, although it stood 316 for Jourdan and 315 for Crow. While the clerks were

adding up the figures Mr. Jourdan moved to make the nomination of Mr. Crow unanimous. Wild cheering followed, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Crow was picked up bodily by the Jasper county delegation and carried to the platform, and when something like order was restored he returned his thanks.

Recess was taken till 2:30 p. m.

Nominations for judge of supreme court were taken up. A great demonstration in favor of Judge Brice was made, and the hall rapidly filled up, until standing room could no longer be obtained.

C. C. Fogel, of Schuyler, tried to stampede the convention with a motion to nominate Judge Brice by acclamation, but was ruled out of order.

W. C. Scarratt, of Kansas City, placed in nomination Judge Theodore Brice, of Monroe county.

Col. C. F. Cochran, of St. Joseph, presented the name of Judge Henry M. Ramey, of St. Joseph, and the third and last candidate, Judge D. P. Stratton, of Vernon county, was named by Congressman D. A. De Armond.

The confusion during the roll-call was very great, as delegations marched over the hall, waving flags and cheering. When St. Louis was reached Judge Brice needed but a single vote, and as ward after ward voted solidly for him to the 'Twenty-second, he won out. Before the vote was announced, Judge Ramey moved that Judge Brice's nomination be made unanimous, which was carried, with wild cheering. The actual vote was: Brice, 276; Ramey, 163; Stratton, 94.

Candidates for railroad and warehouse commissioner to the number of 12 were nominated in the following order: B. F. Bourne, of Scotland; B. A. Head, of Randolph; Charles G. Sain, of Linn; A. J. Connolly, of Johnson; J. W. Morris, of Atchison; A. J. Mitchell, of Kansas City; Joseph H. Garrett, of Kansas City; W. C. Brannagh, of Henry; Jim J. Hennessy, of St. Louis; James Scullion, of St. Louis; John G. Burns, of Jefferson, and T. W. Mabrey, of Ripley.

A resolution was adopted to drop the lowest candidate after each ballot. The ballots resulted as follows:

First Ballot—Head, 39; Bourne, 67; Sain, 20; Connolly, 56; Morris, 45; Garrett, 22; Brannagh, 63; Hennessy, 63; Scullion, 57; Burns, 40; Mabrey, 50.

Mr. Sain was dropped.

Second Ballot—Head, 79; Head, 56; Connolly, 65; Morris, 34; Garrett, 29; Brannagh, 63; Hennessy, 78; Scullion, 57; Burns, 40; Mabrey, 50.

Burns and Garrett were dropped.

Third Ballot—Head, 102; Head, 46; Connolly, 57; Morris, 24; Brannagh, 80; Hennessy, 89; Scullion, 59; Mabrey, 67.

Head and Morris were dropped.

Fourth Ballot—Bourne, 123; Connolly, 53; Brannagh, 106; Hennessy, 114; Scullion, 56; Mabrey, 79.

Connolly and Scullion were dropped, and pending roll-call, Hon. Jefferson Pollard, of St. Louis, was called to the chair to preside.

Fifth Ballot—Bourne, 157; Brannagh, 142; Hennessy, 175; Mabrey, 59.

Brannagh and Mabrey were dropped, leaving the race between Messrs. Hennessy and Bourne.

The sixth ballot resulted in the nomination of Mr. Hennessy by a vote of 319 to 37.

On the last two ballots St. Louis voted solidly for Hennessy.

This completed the ticket, and the convention proceeded to nominate two presidential electors—at-large. John A. Lee, of St. Louis, and J. C. Allen, of Clay, were nominated by acclamation and Charles Lemp, of St. Louis, and F. G. Reshow, of Polk, alternates.

ONE OF THE BATTLES.

It is odd, the correspondent of the St. Louis Republic telegraph that paper, that the two big fights arose over the offices supposed to be attended by the most dignity—those of attorney-general and supreme judge.

R. C. P. Wilson had put Morton Jourdan in nomination for attorney-general. Then came the war-like Benton, of Neosho. Mr. Benton began to scatter fire brands. The Crow men had been howling at Mr. Wilson, but he kept his temper and finished his talk in fairly good form.

The eyes of the man from Neosho flashed. His big body rolled out and he began to talk about corporate infuences. There was a wild yell from Jourdan's supporters. They cheered and howled and screamed for five minutes. Benton deliberately sat down on a step on the platform and waited until the storm was over. Then he finished his speech. When Mr. Benton stepped from the platform he was greeted with mingled cheers and hisses.

Virgil Conkling, of Carroll county, a warm personal, as well as political, friend of Jourdan, succeeded Mr. Benton on the platform. Mr. Conkling is a young man of powerful physique and powerful voice. His jaws are square, his eyes deep-set and gray.

He opened up savagely from the start. He charged that a corporation attorney and lobbyist was back of Crow, and was influencing and dominating delegates.

A tremendous uproar followed this statement, and there were cries of "Name him, name him!"

Conkling turned to Chairman Peers, who was standing near him, and said quietly:

"I will name him."

Then, turning toward the Fifteenth district, he fixed his eyes on Col. Phelps, pointed his finger at him and shouted at the top of his voice:

"Yes, I will name him. His name is Phil Phelps."

There was a tremendous sensation. Conkling stood, glaring defiance at Phelps. The colonel sat in his seat, immovable and apparently as unconcerned as a grave image. Morton Jourdan stood in the center aisle, his face as white as death, his jaws firmly pressed.

Delegate Anthony, of Washington county, took the stand. He said that

he had never thought that it would be necessary to have to defend an honest man on the floor of a democratic convention, but he meant to defend Crow.

"Can one man control south Missouri?" he asked. "Are you not bought, you men of south Missouri? No, neither is Ed Crow. In his hands the interests of all Missourians, rich or poor, will be protected. And he is faithful to his friends, and will never desert Phil Phelps nor any other friend who has stood by him."

The afternoon session opened even more tumultuously. After a little routine business the two factions of delegates began a noisy booming of their choices for supreme judge. Nearly every man in the hall took part in the performance. They acted like a lot of college boys celebrating a football victory. Finally, quiet was restored, and a roll-call was ordered. Long before it was finished it was apparent that Judge Brice was certain of nomination.

Morton Jourdan had secured an ordinary school slate and a carpenter's brace. At the climax, when Judge Ramey moved to make Judge Brice's nomination unanimous, Jourdan, who stood on the press stand, shouted:

"Mr. Chairman, Brice breaks the slate."

The question of oratory entered largely into the proceedings of the convention. Champ Clark said that the question of oratory was not a question of oratory, but a question of character. "Oratory," he said, "is the art of making one's self heard."

Thereafter, nearly all of the nominating speakers, when it was in the slightest degree justifiable, extolled the oratorical powers of his candidate.

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SOME SHORT TALKS.

Remarks Made by Prominent Democrats in the Convention.